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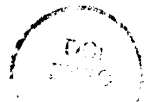
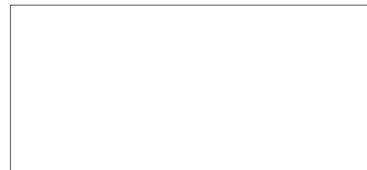
MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, Public Affairs Office
FROM: Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: PAO Referrals to AFIO

I noted on the attached, 9 August, PAO media contact report that Robert Shakne was referred to AFIO to talk with former intelligence officers on Soviet espionage in the US.

It seems rather strange that we would refer reporters to former intelligence officers for information that we would ourselves not provide. These individuals are (or should be) bound by the same secrecy agreement dealing with interviews that they are with regard to publication. Further, anyone subsequently contacted by a reporter, based on our referral, would have every reason to think we are sanctioning an interview.

I discussed this with the DDCI and he concurs that we should not be doing this. All it does is lift the lid on a box we otherwise ought to keep closed.

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